THE LITTLE PILGRIM

"We will go up by the King's highway"

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Baby's Hymn.

BABY'S HYMN.

DESUS, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly!
While the nearer waters woll,
While the tempes' 'till is high,
Ozzer refuge has I none" ——

The sweet little voice broke off suddenly, for the singer saw a shadow on the floor and looked up to see a big man looking down at her with a queer look on his face. He was a very rough man who said bad words to his oxen when they would n't go in the right road, and he did other things that made him cross to the folks at home sometimes. When people are cross, it is almost always because they have done wrong about something.

But the big man was n't cross to little baby Lee. Her voice was too sweet and her eyes were too soft and sunshiny.

"What 's that you 're singing?" he said by and by, and if his voice sounded rough he did n't mean to make it so.

"It 's 'bout Desus," said baby.

"What do you know 'bout him?" asked the big man.

"Lill Lee knows lots o' fings 'bout him," she answered. "He said 'Suffer der children to come unto me.' It says so in God's book. My papa reads out of it in der morning."

"Humph!" said the man. "You say words without knowing the meaning of 'em!"

"'Course I know what they mean!" said the baby. "My papa tells me."

"What 's a 'refuge'?" asked the big man, laughing.

"A good p'ace to wun to! 'At 's what refuge means. Did n't you ever know 'bout 'at? 'At 's what my papa told me! When Desus says 'Come,' you mus' wun wight to him!"

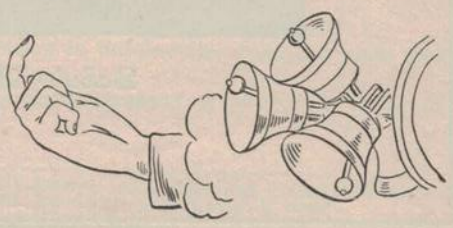
"Ha, ha!" laughed the big man, "you 're a good one!"

"'Es," she answered; "I 'm a good one! 'At 's what my papa says!"

He laughed again as he went along the hall to find her papa; but he was soberly thinking, too, about things. He was a busy man, but he thought about the baby's little hymn a good many times that day and other days. And one of those days he came to talk with the minister and tell him that he wanted to give up his rough ways and bad words and be a Christian.

"'T was the baby's hymn set me thinking," he told him. "I began to feel bad because I had n't any 'place to run to.' And at last I remembered what she said: 'When Jesus says 'Come,' you must run right to him!"

Some Ways of Saying "Come."



LESSON STORY.

THE CITIES OF REFUGE. (Joshua 20:1-9.)

IN old times, if a man killed another, the friends of the murdered man might take the life of the murderer. By the laws and customs of those days, it was their duty to do so. But it often happened that people made mistakes, and then an innocent man might lose his life; or, perhaps, he might have killed some one by accident, which is very different from doing it on purpose.

So God told Moses to tell the children of Israel to make cities of refuge in the land of Canaan, places, that is, where a man who had killed another without meaning to might be safe from revenge or punishment. There were six of these cities, all in plain sight, on mountains or near them, with a good clear road to each one and guide-posts set at all the turnings, pointing the right way and marked "Refuge!" Along this road a man might run to gain entrance into the city and, once there, the men at the gate would let him in and keep him safe, no matter if somebody was close behind him ready to take his life. They would not give him up unless they knew that he had hated the man he killed and tried to hurt him. Only they said he must take care to stay in the city of safety, for if he went outside they would not promise that he would not be killed.

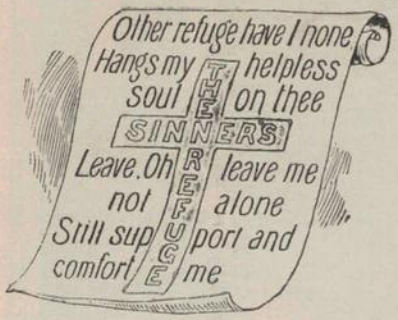
Jesus is sometimes called our City of Refuge because, when we have done wrong, we run to him and he keeps us safe as long as we stay with him.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on his gentle breast,
There, by his love o'ershadowed,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Jesus, my heart's dear refuge,
Jesus has died for me;
Firm on the Rock of Ages
Ever my rest shall be.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.—Hebrews 6:18.

PICTURE HELPS.



If some wicked man came to one of Moses' cities of refuge, they would not let him in and take care of him.

If he deserved to be given up, he would not be allowed to stay there. But Jesus is a better Refuge. Every one who runs to him for safety has done wrong. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." And yet he says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Below are the names of the six cities of refuge. In learning them do not forget to learn the name of the *One* Refuge.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What is a refuge?
2. Where did Moses make cities of refuge?
3. How many were there?
4. What were they for?
5. Who would try to kill a murderer?
6. What if he had not meant to do wrong?
7. Were the cities easy to reach?
8. What kind of roads led to them?
9. What were at all the crossroads?
10. Who received him at the gate?
11. Did they always take him in?
12. Could he go away from the city?
13. How long must he stay there?

THE SIX CITIES OF REFUGE.
KEDESH.
SHECHEM.
HEBRON.
BEZER.
RAMOTH.
GOLAN.

KEY to Lesson Questions. 1. A place of safety. 2. In the land of Canaan. 3. Six. 4. To save the life of any one who had accidentally killed another. 5. The friends of the murdered man. 6. Then he must run with all his might for the safe city. 7. They were all in plain sight, on high hills or near them. 8. Plain, straight ones. 9. Guide-posts marked "Refuge." 10. The elders of the city. 11. Unless he was a real murderer. 12. Only a certain short distance. 13. Until the death of the high priest.

"THE FATHER WATCHES O'ER."

DOST see how God already
Has lit his lamps on high,
So that his child at evening
May see the distant sky?
The sky so blue and lovely,
With moonlight's golden ray,
Where with the holy angels
He evermore doth stay.

And as the stars so friendly
Shine on us from above,
So looks he down upon us
With tenderness and love.
And while they beam till morning
In glory comes once more,
So rest thee, dear, securely;
The Father watches o'er.

— *W. W. Caldwell.*

MISSING WORDS.

(The same word is left out of each of these verses. What is it?)

In the shadow of thy wings will I make my . — Psalm 57 : 1.

There shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of . — Isaiah 4 : 6.

The Lord also will be a for the oppressed, a in times of trouble. — Psalm 9 : 9.

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